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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified patent application. Applicant requests that the period for responding to the July 3, 2002 office action be extended one (1) month from August 3, 2002 to September 3, 2002.

The appropriate fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) is \$110.00. A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

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